



# HOUSATONIC WATER WORKS COMPANY

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### **Housatonic Water Works Seeks Legislative Support for Manganese Filtration System**

Housatonic Water Works (HWW) is actively pursuing alternative funding sources to support its critical manganese filtration system project, a vital initiative mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to enhance water quality and safeguard public health.

As part of this effort, HWW has formally requested legislative support from Representative Leigh Davis and Senator Paul W. Mark to secure a dedicated state budget line item or a State Revolving Fund (SRF) allocation to help offset project costs. The company remains committed to minimizing the financial impact on ratepayers while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

HWW's commitment to seeking alternative funding was reinforced through a 2024 settlement with the Attorney General's Office, which authorized the project and its cost recovery through rates. While the company continues to explore multiple financing solutions, legislative support for a dedicated line item in the Fiscal Year 2026 state budget -which the House and Senate are currently working on - would provide much-needed financial relief to customers .

"This project is essential," said James J. Mercer, spokesperson for Housatonic Water Works. "Securing state funding would help ease the financial burden on our customers and ensure that this necessary infrastructure improvement is implemented in an equitable manner."

Housatonic Water Works is committed to working with local and state leaders to navigate the funding process and secure public investment in water infrastructure. The company welcomes discussions with policymakers and stakeholders to explore all possible avenues for financial support.

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